
**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, October 13,
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Dear Sir

Since writing my letter of yesterday it has occurred to me that the stile, in which, in my letters to you, I have spoken of the mass of falsehood & calumny afloat in our country, & the impossibility of believing what is beyond the evidence of our own senses, is too strong to be published. Such a fellow as Cobbet abusing us as a nation, will quote this as testimony of it given by ourselves. The federalists will attack it as a libel on the nation. Indeed every word from my pen becoming a text & theme for abusing me by the federalists, I cannot be too cautious. Perhaps your friendship will discover other things which escaped my hasty perusal & which it might do harm to publish. I leave the whole to yourself entirely & repeat my affectionate salutations. Th. Jefferson

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